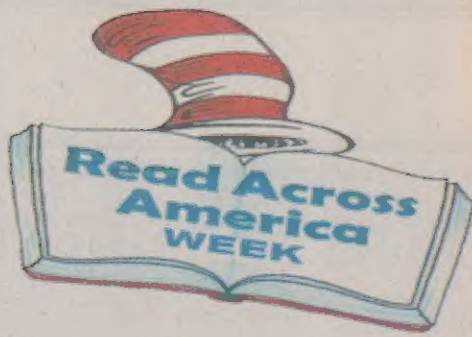




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Elba's Clint Bradshaw and Briggs win UFTA national champion award two years in a row

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The UFTA (United Field Trialers Association) held its Nationals event Feb. 20-27 in Crab Orchard, Kentucky, and Elba's own Clint Bradshaw and his dog, Briggs, brought home the Open Flushing National Champion award for the second year in a row.

Bradshaw and Briggs are a part of the Shiloh Kennels Club, located in the Shiloh community just outside of Elba.

"Winning the Open Flushing national champion award two years in a row had never been done before now," Bradshaw said. "This was awesome for us to be able to win the award two years in a row, and I am very proud of Briggs. He is a great dog."

Briggs also received the 2020 High Point Dog of the Year award.

Shiloh Kennels actually had six dogs and handlers in the Open Flushing Finals this year, and the team enjoyed several successes at the national event.

Haley Kirkland and her dog, Brooke, placed sixth; Chase Payne took ninth



Clint Bradshaw and dog, Briggs, won the UFTA Open Flushing National Champion award in 2020 and again in 2021. Briggs also received the 2020 High Point Dog of the Year Award.

place with his dog, Elbie, and 17th place with Lady; Kros Payne and dog, Blitz,

and handlers competing this year in the Nationals event," Bradshaw said. "It was a true honor for Shiloh Kennels to have six dogs make it to the finals."

The awards continued for Team Shiloh in the Doubles Flushing event as well. Ultra, handled by Matthew Thomas and Haley Kirkland placed sixth; Blitz, handled by Kros Payne and Clint Bradshaw placed 10th; and Grace, handled by Don Bradshaw and Scotty Farmer placed 13th.

Haley Kirkland also brought home a fourth place finish in the Women's Flushing event with her dog, Brooke. Makayla Thomas placed 15th with her dog, Jazz.

In the youth division, Kooper Thomas, handling Briggs, took first place in Youth Flushing, and he also won third place with Ollie. Brooks Payne won sixth place with Blitz and seventh place with Lady.

"I was extremely proud of the entire Shiloh Kennels team," Bradshaw said. "This was a great Nationals for us, and we were super excited to bring home multiple honors this year."

Elba mayor reports privilege license sales up this year

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting held Monday night, Feb. 22, Mayor Tom Maddox presented several positive points of information to council members regarding financials for the city.

"Privilege license collection has been extremely good this year," the mayor said. "That is really a positive thing."

For January, Maddox said the city had collected \$121,848 in business privilege license sales, and he said that amount was up by almost \$48,000 compared to last January. Further, he said the city had budgeted \$78,000 in privilege license revenue for the year, and as of Monday, Feb. 22, it had collected just under \$171,500.

Maddox said a similar scenario was playing out for the city's sales and use tax so far in the year-to-date figures. For year-to-date, he said last year the city had sales and use tax revenue of \$503,000 and for the current year the year-to-date was already \$540,000 – an increase of \$37,000.

Overall, Mayor Maddox noted the year-to-date revenues for Elba were up 10.6 percent compared to last year. The financials review also showed that operational expenditures currently are \$26,000 better than the year prior.

Following the financials review, the council voted unanimously to approve the monthly financial report for the city.

In other news from the mayor, Maddox said he would be attending the annual convention of the League of Municipalities in May. This meeting will be held in Huntsville.

He said the League asks for a voting delegate to be appointed for each municipality. Council members voted to appoint Mayor Maddox as the voting delegate for the City of Elba.

Also, the council voted to appoint council member Johnathan Lockett as the alternate, in case the mayor is unable to attend/vote.

Maddox said the Evergreen Cemetery Board had met recently and awarded the lawn care bid for Evergreen Cemetery and Hillcrest Cemetery to Triple T. He said this company had the contract previously.

The mayor also noted the fence behind the old section of Evergreen Cemetery would be replaced soon.

Regarding Hillcrest Cemetery, the mayor said he had met with Mike Russell and the transaction for the city to purchase that cemetery in in process. He said all currently were waiting on approval from the Alabama Department of Insurance to proceed, but the cemetery board is prepared to make the purchase transaction when all is approved.

Maddox said he had met with Blake Streetmen, the owner of Southern Tractor Company, and he said Streetmen has asked for information on a demolition permit to allow for a building on the property located behind Coleman Funeral home to be demolished, thus making progress on plans to construct the new Southern Tractor facility.

Maddox said the LBW Community College Ensemble would be performing a concert in Elba [on the square – between the courthouse and Elba Theatre] on Thursday, April 1st. The mayor said a time had not been set yet for this concert as the director of the Ensemble wants it to be after dark when the lighting

around the square in Elba is on.

Maddox said the LBW Ensemble had included many past and current students from Elba, and the group is extremely excited to be able to have this upcoming concert in Elba

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Elba police chief and city clerk provide departmental updates to council

by Linda Hodge, Editor

During the Elba City Council meeting, Monday, Feb. 22, both the police chief and city clerk provided departmental updates for council members.

Police Chief Leslie Hussey began his report with a bit of good news. He said a recent officer hire for the police department brought his department up to a full capacity workforce; however, since that hire, Hussey said another officer had turned in a resignation.

"We have to take the good with the bad," Hussey said regarding the ongoing workforce dilemma. "Other than that, the police department has been running steady with our routine work."

City Clerk Sally Bane began her report noting that the Elba Public Library had added 131 books to its

collection since the beginning of February. She also said the library had used the month of February as a 'fee forgiveness' time for patrons, and eight patrons had taken advantage of the fee forgiveness and returned items to the library.

Bane said the street department employees had been doing "what it does" in recent weeks with lots of routine daily maintenance projects; however, she did note that the employees did a phenomenal job ahead of freezing temperatures a

few weeks ago with salting bridges. She said the street department did a really good job preparing for that inclement weather, and Elba had not trouble with ice on its bridges when the temps were at or below freezing.

Bane said the plan for this project is to restore the building to its original look, but for it to be in much better condition after the work is completed.

Bane also said the landscaping around the city had gotten out of shape over time this past year, and she and Mayor Maddox met recently with Trawick Gardens and Landscapes

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Coffee County Jail records show Elba woman arrested on 14 counts of illegal possession or fraudulent use of a credit or debit card

According to Coffee County Jail records, deputies with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office made an arrest Friday, Feb. 26, on an Elba woman for multiple counts of illegal possession or fraudulent use of a credit or debit card.

The jail records showed that Ashley Dubose, age 33, of Elba was booked into the jail at 8:13 p.m. last Friday night, where she remained until 1:45 p.m. Monday, March 1, when she was released on bond. Dubose was charged with 14 separate counts of illegal possession or fraudulent use of a credit or debit card – a Class D felony in Alabama.

Each charge carried a \$5,000 bond for a total bond of \$70,000.



This trash pile fire was reported Wednesday, Feb. 24, alongside a dirt road in the county. Local firefighters were dispatched to extinguish the blaze before it spread further and created a grass/woods fire. Citizens are reminded that littering along the roadways in Alabama is illegal, and anyone caught could face fines and penalties.

Area Happenings

THE COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION will meet Thursday, March 4, at 5:30 p.m. for the board's regular monthly meeting. The meeting will be at the board office, located at 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba.

THE ELBA LIONS CLUB ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST will be held Saturday, March 6, from 6-10 a.m. at the National Security Conference Center. This year, the breakfast will be for takeout plates only! A \$5 donation is requested for each plate.

THE COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION will meet Monday, March 8, at 9 a.m. in the community room of the county complex in New Brockton.

THE ELBA CITY COUNCIL will meet Monday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m. at Elba City Hall.



The 2021 Miss Elbala pageants were held Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Elba High School auditorium. There was an afternoon session for Mini Miss and Little Miss Elbala and an evening session for Young Miss, Junior Miss and Miss Elbala. The pageant is sponsored each year as a fundraiser for Elba High School's yearbook, the *Elbala*. Yearbook sponsor Jane Moseley said this year's Miss Elbala pageants were a huge success with this being the largest pageant the yearbook staff has hosted in several years. Young ladies crowned as the queen in each category included: Mini Miss Elbala – Bella Bane; Little Miss Elbala – Cate Capps; Young Miss Elbala – Shaylee Johnson; Junior Miss Elbala – Kendra Juarez; and Miss Elbala – Tia Germany. Above, Little Miss contestants Parrish Grantham (left) and Cate Capps (right) wave to the audience during a portion of their pageant. Capps would be crowned a short time later as the 2021 Little Miss Elbala winner.

(Photo by Colby Capps, BCSports Photography)

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

"It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade." - Charles Dickens

The first announced candidate, former ambassador Lynda Blanchard, to replace Richard Shelby in the U. S. Senate is waving her Trump banner. We predict she will not be the only candidate trying to ride that coat-tail into a coveted seat in Washington. That is not a bad political move in Alabama right now and a pretty good bet to hold true on through the 2022 election cycle. Thus far additional prospects for replacing Shelby are just rumors or potential candidates testing the waters. A couple of people whose names surfaced early after Shelby's announcement have publicly removed their name from the list of wantabe senators. This will be an interesting race to watch, knowing all the time the ultimate winner will be a step down in the 'get it done' category from that of Alabama's very senior senator.

If there is any question in your mind about the impact of COVID-19 on the United States listen to the following statistic. The average life span in America actually dropped in the last year. This is the largest drop since WWII when GIs were dying on the battlefield by the double handful every day. Yet we still have some of our fellow citizens in denial over the impact this bug has on our country and the world. We openly urge our readers to take this stuff seriously and g.e.t. t.h.e. s.h.o.t.s. !!! We just completed our double shot routine and don't regret it at all [and had no side effects at all]. Now the negative responses include - side effects, it still doesn't cure you, etc. Experts point out that the side effects people keep referring to are not the shot but your immune system preparing to fight the virus! The lack of 100% prevention is misleading. While it is still possible to contract COVID after the shots, it can best be described as a mild cold, and NOT something that puts you in the hospital - or worse. Want to know how bad it feels to be hospitalized with this 'stuff'? I will give you a phone number and you can talk with our sister who is in about her ninth week of intense hospital care because of COVID. She is free of COVID but the after-effects have her in a hospital bed and excited when she stands up and takes TWO unassisted steps!! She called Monday excited that for the first time in two months she was able to lift her legs onto the hospital bed without assistance. Now folks we ask, 'Is that what you would chance experiencing to avoid a possibility of a couple of days of feeling a little out of sorts because of a shot?'

Two career military females have been recommended to Congress for promotion to the rank of general. We hope they are each qualified for the honor. A side bar to that action is that the Pentagon waited until the administration change to make the recommendation official. Initially a person would think this was a move to prevent Donald Trump's folks from mudding the water with alternate recommendations. We suspect waiting would be wise regardless of the outgoing president's staff. It didn't have time to be completed until the new administration was in office and would have just confused and degraded the selection process.

Be Safe, wear your mask, wash your hands, and social distance when possible. Also take the shot(s) when you get the chance.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, between Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2021, and Monday, March 1, 2021, conducted the following activity:

Tuesday, Feb. 23 - Fire reported at 1068 Morrow Ave (11:23 a.m.); Traffic accident reported at 505 Hwy 203 (2:02 p.m.); Fire reported at 14268 Hwy 87 (4:54 p.m.). There were six traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one arrest, four verbal warnings, and one written warning.

Wednesday, Feb. 24 - Man with a gun reported in area of Jackson Ave and Jones St (12:47 a.m.); Harassment reported on Hwy 125 (9:00 a.m.); Suspicious person reported on Washington Ave (1:08 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1883 Hickman Ave (8:19 p.m.); Domestic complaint reported at 1245 Jones Circle (9:42 p.m.); Animal bites reported at 1118 Caroline St (9:43 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1118 Caroline St (10:39 p.m.).

Thursday, Feb. 25 - Domestic complaint reported at 145 Tiger Dr (12:12 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1105 Guyton St (12:22 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (1:43 p.m.); Pedestrian in the roadway reported on Hwy 87 (6:08 p.m.). There were two traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one verbal warning and one written warning.

Friday, Feb. 26 - Burglary reported at 804 Simmons St (3:03 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (3:21 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 318 Smith Ave (10:39 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 230 Court Ave (12:38 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Davis St E (7:26 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 992 Hwy 203, Suite 1 (9:01 p.m.). There were four traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in three verbal warnings and one written warning.

Saturday, Feb. 27 - Criminal mischief reported on Simmons St (9:05 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 145 Tiger Dr

(11:46 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 990 Hwy 203 (1:57 p.m.); Assault reported at 201 College St E in Kinston (2:30 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported on Thomas St (3:30 p.m.); Traffic accident reported at 1225 Farris Ave (5:17 p.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (5:26 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 1007 Payne St (11:14 p.m.). There were nine traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in five verbal warnings and four written warnings.

Sunday, Feb. 28 - Traffic accident reported at 1752 County Rd 239 (1:37 a.m.); Reckless driver reported on Hwy 84 (12:13 p.m.); Trespassing reported at 213 Taylor Ave (1:03 p.m.); Fight reported at 992 Hwy 203, Suite 1 (1:43 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 764 Claxton Ave N (6:32 p.m.); Assault reported at 637 Claxton Ave N (7:57 p.m.); Disturbance reported at 125 Taylor Ave (9:37 p.m.). There was one traffic stop recorded on this date resulting in a written warning.

Monday, March 1 - Prowler reported on Reese Ave (2:24 a.m.); Disturbance reported at 192 Larkin Rd (2:51 a.m.); Animal complaint reported on Williams St (9:11 a.m.); Citizen assist at 192 Larkin Rd (11:34 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 839 Troy Hwy (5:27 p.m.). There were three traffic stops recorded on this date resulting in one citation, one verbal warning, and one with no disposition provided.

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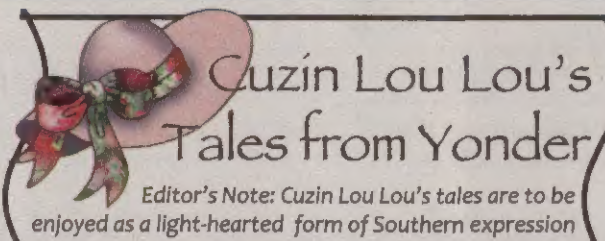
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Editor's Note: Cuzin Lou Lou's tales are to be enjoyed as a light-hearted form of Southern expression

Cuzin Lou Lou considers herself to be a fairly intelligent lady...but on Monday night of this week, she questioned that intelligence greatly!

Lou Lou had some hairs growing on her chin and underneath that needed a little manicuring. Now, in the past Lou Lou has utilized Sister's hot wax mechanism to get rid of those pesky little hairs, but mostly she has stuck with using a special razor tool to handle the unwanted facial hairs.

With the razor tool, the frequency of needing to address said facial hairs is much closer than when the hot wax is used, but the hot wax is messy and takes time to use properly. Conclusion - there are positives and negative to each.

Well! Imagine Lou Lou's delight last weekend upon coming across a box of "facial wax strips" last weekend while in a beauty store with Sister. Lou Lou immediately decided she needed these nifty strips.

She just knew this would be the way to go - it would be quick and surely it would be no more painful than using the hot wax! Best of both worlds, she thought.

Lou Lou was WRONG!!!!!! Fast forward to Monday night. Lou Lou heads off to her bedroom. She doesn't say a word to anyone about what she is going to do.

She reads the instructions [well...she reads long enough to get the gist of what needs to happen], and then she applies that first strip to her chin. Makes sure it is on good - she wants to get as many of those pesky hairs as she can with one swoop!

Pull the skin around the strip tight, and YANK!

WHAT IN THE NAME OF JESUS? HOLY MOLY! I'M DYING!!!! WHY???????

These were among the words that flew out of Lou Lou's mouth, along with

some 'extra special, can't repeat in public' ones that accompanied high pitch screams!

Sister came running wanting to know what had happened and if Lou Lou was okay? Little Bean also came running [and barking] trying to figure out who or what was harming her mama! Well...

Several minutes later, Sister composed herself enough from the laughter to inform Lou Lou that "like it or not, the job had to be completed." Reluctantly, Lou Lou let Sister take over the apply and pull process - and she laughed every time she yanked a strip off Lou Lou's chin/neck area.

Lou Lou was convinced there would be blood everywhere. No one could be tortured that badly, and there not be blood everywhere.

There wasn't... but, there was plenty of laughter coming from Sister. Apparently, she thoroughly enjoyed inflicted pain upon Lou Lou.

Since this traumatizing event, Lou Lou has concluded that the inventor of 'wax strips' must have hated the human race! There is absolutely no way someone who loves people would ever create such a painful mechanism and promote it as a beautifying tool.

Further, if a person were to ever need to resort to torture, Lou Lou assures you that wax strips would be the perfect tool. Simply apply those little pieces of pain all over the body and start yanking - all secrets will be revealed before that torture session is over!!

Lou Lou does admit that the newly waxed area felt as smooth as butter the next day, however, she will never willingly resort to that form of 'waxing' again! It is simply not worth it!!

Until next time...God Bless and Keep Smiling!

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COVID-19 testing taking place on Tuesdays in March at Coffee County Health Department in Enterprise

The Southeastern Public Health District continues to offer COVID-19 testing in Enterprise and Dothan for patients who meet the testing criteria and while supplies are available.

Due to limited staffing in this district, testing is only being provided in Coffee and Houston counties at this time. No COVID-19 retesting will be done.

Testing is scheduled in Enterprise as follows:

Coffee County Health Department
2841 Neal Metcalf Road, Enterprise
Tuesdays from 8:30 until 10:30 a.m.

March 9, March 16, March 23, and March 30

Symptoms of COVID-19 consist of either cough or shortness of breath (difficulty breathing) or at least two of

the following: fever, chills, repeated shaking with chills, muscle pain, headache, vomiting, diarrhea, sore throat, fatigue, congestion or runny nose, and new loss of taste or smell.

Testing criteria are as follows:

- Persons with symptoms
- Healthcare facility workers, workers in congregate living settings, and first responders with symptoms
- Persons without symptoms who have underlying medical conditions or disability placing them at a higher risk of complications or screening of other asymptomatic individuals based on a case-by-case review and approval by the state health department or local health jurisdiction.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

COVID-19 results continue to show a nice decline in both the number of cases tested and the number of positives being reported. We continue to collect and perform tests daily at Troy Regional, but at a much lower rate than in months past. This is a very welcomed sign for the team at Troy Regional and for our community, state, and nation. Several theories on what is causing the decline but most point to a few of the same ideas. First, the number of people vaccinated is growing every day. Do we have "herd immunity" not even close, but every day more and more Alabamians are getting vaccinated. At Troy Regional, we have administered over 800 vaccines and along with other community partners, we will continue this task as long as vaccines are available. Secondly, the fact that people are still encouraged to wear masks, wash their hands frequently and to socially distance must be considered a positive influence on this battle. Lastly, the use of the monoclonal antibody therapies is certainly playing a huge role in keeping people out of our hospitals and out of the ICU. COVID-19 -19 hospitalized patients across the state are at the lowest total in months. Do not become complacent with your handwashing, wearing a mask, or staying a safe distance from others.

your appointment with one of the General Surgeons at Troy Regional. This relatively simple, screening procedure can provide early detection of colon abnormalities and save your life. March is also National Sleep Awareness Month. Ask your physician about the need for a Sleep Study particularly if you are a restless sleeper, snore during sleep, or have an increased Body Mass Index (overweight). Obstructive Sleep Apnea is real and is the cause of sudden death far more frequently than you may think. The Sleep Disorder Center at Troy Regional has 4 beautifully appointed rooms and appointments are available normally within 1 week. Make the investment of time for yourself and schedule your Colon Screening and Sleep Study today.

In closing, I will remind you that one thing is constant at Troy Regional, our physician and team member support. I want to say thank you to 2 of my finest medical staff members, Drs Richard Schloemer and Dr. Wilton McRae. Both recently turned 80 years old and continue to care for our community. Troy Regional, you are not alone, we are right here.

Rick E. Smith, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer
Troy Regional Medical Center

Share Your Views... Write a Letter to the Editor!!

In the midst of all this craziness, I would remind you that March is Colon Cancer Awareness Month. Now is the time to schedule

According to Feb. 24th report from super Active COVID-19 cases continuing to decline for Coffee County School System

In his weekly COVID-19 report released Wednesday, Feb. 24, Coffee County Schools superintendent Kevin Killingsworth said active COVID cases continue to decrease for the school system.

"This week Coffee County Schools have only four new cases of COVID-19 to report," Killingsworth said last Wednesday afternoon. "Our cases have steadily declined in the past several weeks."

In the Feb. 24th report, the superintendent said Zion Chapel School had one student case, New Brockton Elementary had one faculty case, New Brockton High School had one student case, and Kinston School has one student case. He added that the addition of those cases brought the system's overall total of COVID-19 cases to 197 since the start of school on Aug. 10, 2020.

"Thanks to our local Walmart stores, our employees now have the opportunity to get vaccinated if they so desire," Killingsworth said. "It has been an ongoing process to be able to provide our employees the chance to get vaccinated. I again want to thank

Meeting Notice for C.C. Conservation District Board:

The Coffee County Conservation District will hold its monthly board meeting Thursday, March 11, at the Coffee County Commission Room, 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Ala. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. The meeting is limited to the number of people that be in the room due to COVID-19 safety measures. Those planning to attend are asked to call 334-894-5581 ext. 3 to reserve a spot.

REPORTS

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of Enterprise recently. She said Trawick has submitted a proposal for getting the city's landscaped areas spruced back up to a maintenance point, and the city is going to contract with Trawick for that work.

"After that, our intentions are to contract with them [Trawick] for ongoing maintenance," Bane said. "This first initial phase is to get everything back to a maintenance point."

Also, upon request of council member Johnathan Lockett, the city clerk made a note to have the street department look at a pothole near the entrance/exit to Kennedy Estates in District One.



Haley Kirkland and her dog, Brooke, of Shiloh Kennels brought home a fourth place finish in the Women's Flushing NFTA Nationals event held Feb. 20-27 in Kentucky.

Beginning Beekeeping Course planned for March at Dothan's Landmark Park

A Beginning Beekeeping Course will be held March 6, 13, 20 and 27 at Landmark Park in Dothan.

Taught by the Wiregrass Beekeepers, the course will be in the Interpretive Center Auditorium. Classes start at 10 a.m. and run for about two hours.

The field class will be held on March 27 in the teaching apiary at Landmark Park. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn all about beekeeping and how to get started with this rewarding hobby. This course is designed to supply a novice beekeeper with all the information needed to take bee colonies from their

inception through their first year. Attending the auditorium sessions is free, but for \$35, participants will get a copy of "First Lessons in Beekeeping", all the class handouts, and a year's membership in the Wiregrass Beekeepers Association.

Questions? Call Bill Miller at (334) 794-8362 or email wgmillier@aol.com. Landmark Park is located at 430 Landmark Dr. in Dothan, Ala., just three miles north of Dothan's Ross Clark Circle. For more information, call 334-794-3452 or visit www.landmarkparkdothan.com.

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Supporting Someone After a Suicide

Losing someone to suicide may be one of the most heartbreaking and difficult forms of grief. Oftentimes, after such a loss, people are left with painful questions and burdensome memories. Here are a few ways to help support someone after a recent loss due to suicide.

As the suicide rate climbs in each part of the United States, supporting those near to you is vital. Supporting those you know and love can be as simple as a phone call or a quick text message to check in on them. Dropping by to make sure that they are well and taking care of themselves can be an important way to support someone after a recent traumatic loss.

Encourage your friend or family member to enter counseling for their loss. Professional help is one of the best ways to help work through such grief and finding practical and professional mental health support can be the difference between moving through grief with grace or sinking deeper into despair. If needed, volunteer to go with them to a grief counseling seminar or a group therapy session: your support likely will make it easier to get help.

Offer to help your friend or loved one clean up the space left behind by the person they lost. Cleaning up a room can be painful for anyone but it can be especially painful after a difficult loss. Encourage them to keep some clothing and photos from a better time that may ease some of the pain of loss. Encourage them to donate any other clothing pieces that could maybe help someone else in need. Make a photo collage out of any photos that may be left behind and frame other treasured items the deceased kept. These mementos can help provide a place to remember the person at their best rather than focusing on the troubled times.

After a loss to suicide, it may seem daunting to try and help a close friend or family member but supporting those who have lost someone to suicide is a vital part of the grief process. If someone you know is in crisis, there are resources provided below.

Suicide Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

https://suicidepreventionlifeline.org/help-yourself/loss-survivors/
https://afsp.org/find-support/live-lost-someone/

If you would like a free funeral decisions guide, please email me at hayeshf@hayesfuneralhome.net

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Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at <www.elba-clipper.com>

MARIE SMITH MOBLEY

Mrs. Marie Smith Mobley, age 90, of Victoria, Ala., died Wednesday, Feb. 24, 2021.

Marie was blessed with the gift of creativity. Her talents were endless. She was an impeccable seamstress.

Nothing was safe when she held a paintbrush in her hand. She especially enjoyed creating for her church. She

made countless set designs for VBS, Christmas, and Easter programs. Bible School crafts were her specialty.

Graveside services were held Feb. 27, 2021 at the Victoria Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Donnie Marler and Rev. Larry Doster officiating. Hayes Funeral Home of Elba directed the service.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilson Mobley Sr.; her son, Ricky Mobley; parents, Edgar and Jewel Smith; and sister, Jonnie (AJ) Skipper.

Survivors include her children: Wilson (Zelda) Mobley, and Anita Mobley (Derek) Shook; grandchildren: Brannon (Angela) Mobley, Brittainy (David) Luckett, Hayley (Palmer) Kennedy, and Kyle (Sydney) Shook; great-grandchildren: Brenly, Adison, Londyn, Madison, and Patrick; and sisters: Freddie (MD) Merritt, and Shirley (Elwyn) Pelham.

Memorials may be made to the Victoria Community Cemetery Fund, 13606 Hwy 125, Jack, AL 36346.

BILLY MAURICE DRIGGERS II

Mr. Billy Maurice Driggers II, age 27, a resident of Ozark, Ala., died Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, at his home.

Graveside services will be held Thursday, March 4, at 2 p.m., from Liberty Church of Christ Cemetery with Rev. Harry Driggers officiating. Visitation will be at Hayes Funeral Home on Thursday, from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m.

He was preceded in death by his father, Billy Maurice Driggers, and maternal grandfather, Ricky Berry.

Survivors include his girlfriend: Meagan Horton, Ozark; mother: Bridget (Michael) Green, Ozark; maternal grandmother: Linda Berry, Elba; paternal grandparents: Billy and JoAnn Driggers, Elba; maternal grandmother: Mary Pelletier, Richmond, Va.; and brothers: Alex Driggers, Dothan, Ala., and Jayden Marshall Driggers, Ozark.

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for the community to come out and enjoy.

Mayor Maddox also thanked Pat Boothe and Eva Medlock for their dedicated service to the City of Elba. He noted that Boothe's final day of work with the city was Wednesday, Feb. 24, and Medlock's final day of work was Thursday, Feb. 25th. Each entered into retirement.

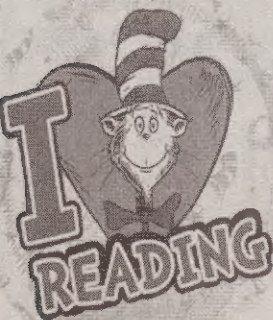
The next Elba Council meeting is Monday, March 8, at 5:30 p.m., at Elba City Hall. Meetings are open the public to attend.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

by Jon Isaacs, Pastor

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A TRUTH CRISIS

"Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?" (John 18:38a)

In 1918 an army pilot named Charles Ocker was running a test flight when he became lost in the clouds with zero visibility. His senses told him he was flying straight and level, but as he scanned the rudimentary instrument panel of his WWI plane, he was shocked to see that his instruments told him he was in a turn. After a few moments, Ocker emerged from the clouds only to realize he was in a spiral dive towards the ground with barely enough time to save himself from certain death.

Ocker never got over how close he came to dying that day simply because he trusted his feelings over his flight instruments. In fact, he was so affected by the experience he went on to create a new training device which demonstrated to pilots how their senses could deceive them when deprived of visual clues. His campaign to revolutionize pilot training was so effective, William Charles Ocker is now called "the father of blind flying."

While it is safe to say most of us have never had a near death experience because we lost our orientation while flying a plane, we do know what it is like to become disoriented during difficult times of life: The death of a loved one. Divorce. Job-loss. Serious illness...the list is endless. Sadly, many people spiral out of control during these times.

Maybe you, like Pilate, are suffering through your own truth crisis. Perhaps you have even recently said, "I just don't know what to believe anymore." Maybe you feel lost and out of control. Perhaps you no longer have confidence in your ability to navigate life. Friend, at such times you MUST trust the one who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life..." (John 14:6). Let the Word of God be your instrument panel; not only when the way is clear, but also through the most uncertain times of life. Early in my Christian walk I learned to turn to Proverbs 3:5-6 when I needed direction: "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

I am reminded of a story I heard as a young man. Some early American scouts had hired a guide to lead them through uncharted territory out west. As they walked for many days, the path they were following became more overgrown and less visible. Finally, there was no discernible path at all. Concerned they would be unable to find their way to their destination they had their translator ask the guide, "Are you sure you know the way?" The guide simply called back over his shoulder, "I am the way."

Friend, you may not know the way ahead, but if you will follow Jesus Christ, He will lead you safely through!

Basin Baptist Church plans to restart Sunday School on Easter, April 4th

Basin Baptist Church currently meets at 10 a.m. Sunday mornings for 'in-person' worship service. This is accompanied by a 'live' Facebook feed for those unable to attend in person.

Beginning Easter Sunday (April 4), the church will begin Sunday School again, starting at 9:30 a.m. This will be followed by the Morning Worship service at 10:30 a.m.

The church continues to practice social distancing measures, and the wearing of face masks upon entering and exiting the building (or moving around) is encouraged. The church also has hand sanitizers available for use.

Wednesday Night Bible Study is held each week at 6:30 p.m. There currently are no Sunday evening services.

Basin Baptist Church is located at 9757 Highway 189 S, Elba.

Social distancing will be observed, temperatures will be taken before entering, and per Governor Ivey's directive, masks should be worn except while eating.

Attendance is open to all. Reservations are required. Contact Jan to RSVP at 334-494-3763 or rwccreservations@gmail.com.

Senior citizens can apply online for Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program vouchers

The Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program provides eligible senior citizens with fresh fruits and vegetables form certified farmers markets in the State of Alabama.

Eligibility for vouchers [worth \$30 each] includes:

- Age – must be 60 years of age or older on the day of application; and
- Income – applicants' gross household income must not exceed these limits [household of one: \$1,756 monthly; household of two: \$2,371 monthly; household of three: \$2,987 monthly; household of four: \$3,604 monthly; household of five: \$4,219 monthly; household of six: \$4,835 monthly]

Applicants must apply online at <http://fma.alabama.gov>. Elba Senior Citizens director Donna Falls can help local seniors fill out the application online. For her assistance, call (334) 897-3019.

As of Monday, Falls said she had assisted with at least 65 applications thus far. No applications can be accepted over the telephone or by mail.

Vouchers can be redeemed at state certified farmers markets, farmstands and u-pick operations. To view a list by county, visit: <http://www.fma.alabama.gov/FMCounty.aspx> or <http://agi.alabama.gov/docs/fma/RedemptionSites>

Round and About

With Eria's Daughter

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Scripture: A prayer for help in despondency. Psalm 88: 1-18

Thinking of You! Praying for You.

Rell Kelley, Lynsey Manning, Min. Robert Edwards, Family of the late Shaquetha Tyson, Lacy Nunn Kelley, Shawna Hill Gulley, Corene Wilkerson, Akira Hutchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Stinson Sr.

February Birthdays / Anniversaries

Bufus Tillis Jr. 2/20 (in memory)
Eliza J. Nelson 2/20
Monica Henderson 2/21
Robert and Pamela Edwards 2/21 W.A.
Tiffany Germany 2/21
Tim Caldwell 2/23
Sterl Jones 2/25
Brittany Caldwell 2/26
Alonzo (Flake) Cole 2/27
Jovon Smedley 2/27
Tarlisa Warren 2/28

Pardon!

The U.S. President has nearly unchecked power to issue official pardons. This makes the pardon one of the most controversial presidential powers. Though this presidential power can be divisive, in some instances it has been used to heal wounds.

One of the most controversial presidential pardons was issued by President Gerald Ford. Richard Nixon, Ford's predecessor, resigned from office in August 1974 amid accusations of criminal behavior. After that resignation, Nixon could have been prosecuted and even jailed, yet weeks later, President Ford pardoned the former president of any federal crimes he had "committed or may have committed or taken part in" during his terms in office.

Today, many agree that Ford's pardon was necessary to help the nation move forward from an era

of scandal and abuse of power.

Pardons are not justice. Rather, they are acts of undeserved mercy. When the treasonous Israelites rebelled against God, they deserved an outpouring of his wrath. Moses, acting as a defense attorney for his people, convinced, pleaded for, and received mercy. Ultimately, God's forgiveness of sin is based on the fact that Christ has made forgiveness possible because he took our penalty upon himself at the cross. What difference does God's pardon make in your life? -- J.E.

Question / Answer Section Q/A for the Week of 2/25/21

Q: Jesus called two sets of brothers to be His disciples: Simon and _____, James and _____.

A: Andrew – John [Mark 1: 16, 19]

Q: After Jesus cast them out, the devil's went into a herd of _____.

A: swine [Mark 5: 11-13]

Thought to Remember

The human hear feels things the eyes cannot see and knows what the mind cannot understand

Questions for the Week of 3/4/21 True or False

Q: Jesus said that only the things which enter into a man defile him.

Q: Jesus celebrated the Passover with the twelve in a large upper room.

Today is a good day! Be grateful.
Eria's Daughter, Sue



New Hope Senior Center seeking new clients to serve

The New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new clients. To participate in the center's programs, senior citizens must be 60 years of age or older. For additional information, contact New Hope Senior Center director Connie Banks at (334) 735-5433.

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<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH Rockey Pearce, Pastor Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala. Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Sam Self, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLE AME CHURCH Deborah A. Butler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Class... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH Greg Cotter, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:30 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Senn, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Remonia Smith, Pastor Church Service... 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH Larry Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH Diana White, Pastor Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Fellowship... 9:45 a.m. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Wed. Night (Youth Real Deal and Children's Activities)... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Steve Watson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Dale Morgan, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>EAON BAPTIST CHURCH Mark Ward, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Phillip Box, Minister Bible Study... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD David Noble, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:45 a.m. Even. Worship... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY H.L. Buckner, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night... 6:00 p.m. Thurs. Night... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Dwight Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH Kit Johnson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Shirley Ellis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH Mark Cooper, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:30 p.m. Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Timothy Williams, Pastor Sunday School... 10:30 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH Phillip Adcock, Pastor Sunday Morning... 10:30 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST Scott Donaldson, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Edward E. Drake, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH Overseers - Billy Berry Sat. Service... 6:00 p.m. Sun. Service... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GRACE FELLOWSHIP John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Jeremie Turner, Sr. Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Steve Reneau, Pastor Morn. Worship... 8:45 a.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Dewey Emfinger, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Olson Strickland, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Kevin Byrd, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>MT. VERNON ASSEMBLY OF GOD Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Juliana Mitchell, Pastor 1st - 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Les Jones, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>NEW JERUSALEM CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST - ENTERPRISE W. K. Ellison, Pastor Morning Worship... 9:00 a.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Tuesday Evening... 7:00 p.m. Friday Evening... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEWBIA BAPTIST CHURCH Will Jordan, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Disciple Train... 5:00 p.m. Evening Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BROCKTON METHODIST CHURCH Dr. Craig Bailey, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Terry Godwin, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays</p> <p>ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHADY GROVE AME James Boots, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study... 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 4:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m. Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Noon Worship... 12 noon Even. Service... 7:00 p.m. Youth Ser. Mon... 7:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba Miss Reed, Minister Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH C.P. Davis, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH Donald Mills, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH Shayne Allen, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:45 p.m. Wed. Worship... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>VICTORY TABERNACLE Ruby Lawson, Pastor Morn. Worship... 10:30 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH Ken Wilson, Pastor Sunday School... 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 10:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH Tommy Green, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Kenneth Hagler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Donnie Marler, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meet... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School... 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service... 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Cary Maulden, Pastor Sunday School... 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship... 11:00 a.m. Even. Service... 6:00 p.m.</p>
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COUNTY, ALABAMAIN RE: THE ESTATE OF
GEORGE
WASHINGTON
HAMILTON,
DECEASED

CASE NO: PC-21-008

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 9th day of February, 2021, by the Hon. Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Thomas A. Blackstock, Jr.
Attorney for Amanda Grace,
Personal Representative
2/18,25&3/4-pd.

IN THE PROBATE
COURT FOR COFFEE
COUNTY, ALABAMA
IN RE: THE ESTATE OF
J.C. WARD
Deceased

Case No. PC 2021-013

NOTICE TO
CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Betty Lucille Ward, as Executrix of the Estate of J.C. Ward, deceased, on the 11th day of February, 2021, by Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

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IN THE MATTER OF
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Coffee County Commission will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021** at 10:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Administration Building located at 1065 E. McKinnon Street, New Brockton, Alabama to discuss the County's submission of an application for the Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 (CDBG-CV) program. The county is interested in obtaining all citizens' input on needs within the county dealing with the pandemic. Local participation is encouraged in order to reflect the true desires of the county as a whole, as well as the comments relating to the proposed project application. Coffee County has received an allocation of funds from the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs. Activities that are eligible for funding must be designed to prevent, prepare for, and/or respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and other infectious diseases.

Due to COVID-19 Guidelines and for the protection of all citizens, those in attendance will be required to maintain 6 feet of distance between persons not from same household. Citizens not wishing to attend public hearing are encouraged to submit comments or questions to Rachel Armstrong at ramstrong@searpcdc.org or call 334-794-4093.

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SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

I take our grandson Lawson home a couple of days a week after an afternoon with us and am amazed how he plays his video game on the trip home. His fingers move faster than my mind even works, and how he is able to ponder and then find a solution in split-seconds is much more than I can comprehend. I often wish he would play ball and get outside a little more, but at the same time I am convinced these skills will pay huge dividends one day when he gets older.

For what it is worth....

*** *The Elba Tigers and Lady Tigers* both posted wins last week in early season action and have high hopes for winning seasons with just a week under their belts. The Tigers claimed a big win over county rival New Brockton and displayed power at the plate and depth on the mound, while the Lady Tigers knocked off Zion Chapel in extra innings on a solo home-run and had one of the top pitching efforts ever in softball at Elba High as Ayrika Caldwell struck out 20 batters in the win. Both teams will have to keep on improving to keep adding wins to their side of the ledgers. However, after one week of play it looks like it may be a fun spring at Elba High.

*** *The baseball and softball seasons* were both in full swing last week and even though the seasons are young, the opening week results have given us a peek at what may lie ahead. Kinston defeated Carroll and Zion Chapel knocked off Samson to gain some early season momentum and may be much better than many thought, while the surprise of the area came at New Brockton, where the Gamecocks lost their first two games and appear vulnerable. In softball, Brantley opened with a lopsided win over 4A Andalusia and may be just as good as ever, while Kinston got a little roughed up in an unexpected loss and Zion Chapel has already lost twice, but may be better than many fans think. New Brockton is being billed as a team to watch in the 3A ranks, but the Lady Gamecocks will have to work hard to get better both at practice and in games since they won't play in tournaments. The seasons are still very young and I'm sure all the teams will improve, but it is off to a fast start for the fans.

*** *Radio station Weevil 101 FM* surprised a lot of listeners this week when the station changed its format to sports talk radio and changed its call letters to 'The Ball 101 FM.' The station made the move to Enterprise a few years back and changed its call sign and format, and now has made another change that I believe will be a popular one for many area sports fans. The station will include sports talk about everything from high school to pro, and will include both nationwide and regional sports talk personalities. The station still has plans to broadcast Elba Tiger football in the fall, and the signal will be twice as strong as before, which will allow Tiger fans from outside the area to listen in to the games. I too am a country music fan, but this change is exciting and will give all area sports fans a place to go to hear nothing but sports. I know where my dial will stay.

*** *I know the Covid-19 pandemic* is still very much active and affects everything we do, but I attended a high school softball game last week in New Brockton and for a few minutes almost forgot all we have been through since last spring when the world all but shut down. Before the junior varsity game, the PA announcer requested that everyone stand for the national anthem. Not only did all adults and students stand and place their hands over their hearts, but the New Brockton baseball team, which was practicing on a field next to the softball field, stopped practice, stood at attention and also put their hands over their hearts in respect for our great country. It was great to see so many people still proud to be an American!

*** *I have been a part of* The Elba Clipper family for over forty years and share the sorrow of the 'Cox Family' in the loss of family matriarch Heddy Cox after years of battling Alzheimer's. Heddy was like a big sister to me many times over the years as I shared both good and bad times in my own life, and she was never too busy to listen quietly and then offer advice. There was nothing she couldn't and wouldn't do when it came to 'getting out the paper' every week, and was much more than just Ferrin's strong right arm where the paper was concerned. She loved her family, loved her friends and hometown, and loved *The Elba Clipper*. As long as there is a 'Clipper' her memory will stay very much alive, as will our love for this very special lady.

The Elba Tigers spotted New Brockton an early 3-0 lead and then came roaring back to post an exciting 10-6 win over the Gamecocks, Thursday night in Elba.

New Brockton combined two Elba errors with a single by Kaden Cupp to plate three runs in the top of the first inning, but Elba bounced back in its half of the inning and sparked by consecutive base hits off the bats of Carson Wise, John Martin Wilson and Iverson Lane scored two runs as the Tigers pulled within 3-2 after one wild inning of play.

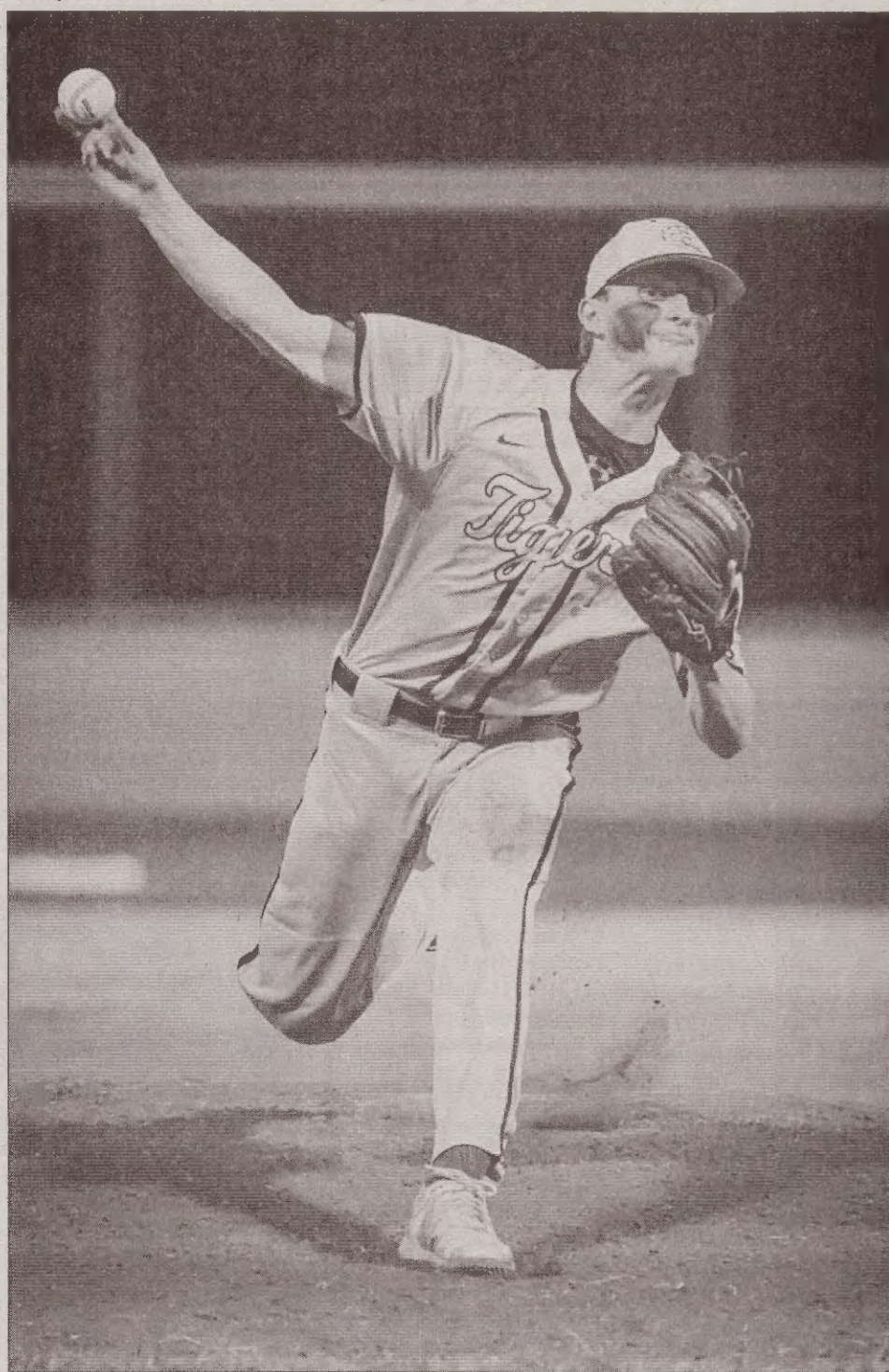
Elba left the bases loaded in the second and stranded one base runner in the third. However, the Tigers rallied to score a pair of runs in the bottom of the fourth to grab a 4-3 lead. A leadoff single by Peyton McCart sparked the two-run rally, while Carson Wise delivered an rbi double and Connor Burrow added an rbi single as Elba took its first lead of the night.

The Elba lead didn't last for long, as the Gamecocks came back to the plate in the fifth and combined two walks with a two-run double by Drew Cashin and an rbi double by Brayson Carr to regain the lead at 6-4.

The Tigers staged another rally in their half of the inning and broke loose for six runs to open up a solid 10-6 lead. A one-out single by Collin Sauls ignited the fifth inning fireworks, while walks to Jaden Juarez and Peyton McCart loaded the bases. Carson Wise came through with a two-run single to pull the Tigers even at 6-6, while John Martin Wilson and Connor Burrows both delivered key hits that kept the rally alive and put the Tigers on top 10-6.

New Brockton threatened in its final two at-bats, but Tiger reliever Connor Burrows extinguished both threats as Elba claimed the exciting 10-6 win.

Carson Wise had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while John Martin Wilson added 2 hits, scored



Elba Tiger John Martin Wilson lets one rip as he pitches in last week's 10-6 win over New Brockton. Wilson struck out 8 Gamecocks in four and two-thirds innings on the mound to help lead the Tigers to the big win.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

2 runs and had 1 rbi; Peyton McCart added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Connor Burrows added 2 hits and 3 rbi's; Iverson Lane added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; and, Collin Sauls and Adin Rayborn both added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Connor Burrows was the winning pitcher, in relief, as he tossed two and one-third innings and allowed no hits, while striking out six batters. John Martin Wilson was the Tiger starter and pitched four and two-thirds innings and allowed

two earned runs on four hits, with eight strikeouts. Kaden Cupp had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while Drew Cashin added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Brayson Carr added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Gabe Herrington added 1 hit. Four New Brockton pitchers combined for six innings on the mound and allowed 10 earned runs on 2 hits and 10 walks.

(JV Game)
The Elba Tigers saw a

late 4-2 lead vanish as New Brockton scored three runs in its final at-bat to rally and post a 6-4 win. Jordan Hammonds had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba, while Johnathan Mitchell added 2 hits, Ty Sieving added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Dalton Grantham added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Joshua English had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to pace the Gamecocks, while Baylon Foster added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Dalton Holloway added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

In 5-4 win over Lady Rebels

Elba's Caldwell strikes out twenty

Jayla Gray blasted a solo home-run in the top of the eighth inning to put Elba on top and, eighth-grade pitching sensation Ayrika Caldwell made sure the slim lead held up as the Lady Tigers escaped with a 5-4 win, Thursday night at Zion Chapel.

Jayla Gray had 4 hits, including a solo homer, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Elba at the plate,

while Emily Richardson added 2 hits and 2 rbi's, and Makinna Gray added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Ayrika Caldwell pitched all eight innings and allowed two earned runs on three hits, while striking out 20 Lady Rebels batters.

Stacy Wambles had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Zion Chapel, while Haley Jacobs added 1 hit.

Elba drops opener 4-2

The Elba Lady Tigers spotted Luverne an early 2-0 lead and never caught up in a 4-2 season opening loss, last Tuesday afternoon, in Luverne.

Elba managed only one baserunner over the games initial three innings as Makinna Gray reached on a second inning single. However, Aimee Senn was hit by a pitch in the fourth, stole second and went to third on a groundout, then crossed the plate with the Lady Tigers first run of the game on an rbi single by Mikenzy Hooks to cut the

Luverne lead to 2-1.

Senn led off the sixth inning with a double and later scored on an error off the bat of Makinna Gray, but the Lady Tigers could never catch up and took the 4-2 road loss.

Makinna Gray had 2 hits to lead Elba, while Aimee Senn added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Mikenzy Hooks added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Eighth grader Ayrika Caldwell took the loss inside the circle as she scattered six hits over six innings and recorded seven strikeouts.

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SCHEDULES

Thursday, March 4

(Baseball)

Elba at Samson JV-V
Kinston at Carroll
Opp at Zion Chapel
JV-V
(Softball)
G.W. Long at New
Brockton JV-V
Kinston at Opp JV-V
Zion Chapel at Arifton JV

Friday, March 5

(Baseball)

Samson at Elba JV-V
Brantley at Luverne
JV-V
(Softball)
Zion Chapel JV at
Ariton

Monday, March 8

(Baseball)

Geneva County at Elba
Luverne at New
Brockton JV-V
Kinston at Zion Chapel
JV-V
Brantley JV at CHMS
(Softball)
Kinston at Zion Chapel

JV-V

Prattville at Brantley

Tuesday, March 9

(Baseball)

Elba JV at Zion Chapel
New Brockton JV at
Slocumb DH
Kinston JV at Arifton
DH
Opp at Brantley JV
(Softball)
Elba at G.W. Long JV-V
Florala at Kinston JV-V

Thursday, March 11

(Baseball)

Zion Chapel at Elba
Kinston at Red Level
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New Brockton JV at
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SPORTS NEWS

High School

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Statistics by Gamechanger

(BASEBALL)

Brantley JV post one tourney win

The Brantley JV Bulldogs hosted a tournament last weekend and posted one win in three games. The Bulldogs opened the tourney against Highland Home and used a 4-run third inning to battle past the Flying Squadron 7-4. Layton Cooper had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Jayden Parks added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and was the winning pitcher as he tossed three innings and allowed 3 hits, while striking out 8 batters. The Bulldogs tangled with the Opp Bobcats in their second game and fell behind 12-0 early in a 12-2 loss. J.H. Kilcrease had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Brantley. The Bulldogs were ousted from the tourney with a 10-0 loss to the Arifton Purple Cats. Chaz Brantum had 1 hit for Brantley.

Zion Chapel downed by Samson 9-4

The Zion Chapel Rebels opened their season with a 9-4 loss to the Samson Tigers. The Rebels trailed only 5-4 heading into the bottom of the fourth inning, but watched as the Tigers pulled away to post the win. Nate Braisted, Stetson Adcock and Bryce Watson all had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Zion Chapel, while Braxton Brooks had 2 hits, scored 1 run and collected 1 rbi to lead Samson.

Zion Chapel JV slam Samson 16-0

The Zion Chapel Rebels scored in every inning in a big 16-0 win over the Samson Tigers. Brodie Stinson had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while John Foster Hamm added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Ian Herbert added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Brady Flowers added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Austin Jordan pitched a three-inning one-hitter with 4 strikeouts.

Rebels JV drop twin bill to Purple Cats

The Zion Chapel Rebels dropped a double-header to the Arifton Purple Cats, losing the opener 6-4 and the nightcap 9-1. The Rebels battled for all four innings in the opener and were led by Mason Stuart with 1 hit, 1 run scored and 2 rbi's; John Foster Hamm with 1 hit and 1 run scored; and, Tyler Bass with 1 hit. The Rebels trailed all the way in the nightcap, with Brodie Stinson leading the way with 1 hit and 1 base on balls.

Kinston Bulldogs club Carroll 8-3

The Kinston Bulldogs jumped out to an early 5-0 lead and held on late to defeat the Carroll Eagles 8-2, last Tuesday night in Kinston. Tripp Hawthorne had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Cale Sumblin added 2 hits, and Hunter Hughes added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi, and was also the winning pitcher as he tossed seven innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits, while striking out seven Eagle batters.

Zion Chapel Rebels sweep Samson

The Zion Chapel Rebels gave their fans plenty to cheer about last Tuesday night as the Rebel varsity posted a 14-4 win and the JV coasted in with an 18-1 victory. In varsity action, the Rebels rallied from an early 5-0 deficit to tame the Tigers. Nate Braisted had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Ian Herbert added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Mason Stuart added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Paden Boothe added 2 hits and 1 rbi, while also claiming the win on the mound as he tossed five innings and allowed two hits, while striking out three Tiger batters. In JV action, the Rebels used a 10-run first inning to take command and coasted in with the lopsided 18-1 win. Austin Jordan had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while John Foster Hamm added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; and, Preston Eddins added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 4 rbi's. Tyler Bass was the winning pitcher as he tossed a three-inning one-hitter with three strikeouts.

Kinston outscored by Red Level 18-9

The Kinston Bulldogs saw a 9-8 lead vanish under a 9-run Red Level fifth inning avalanche in an 18-9 loss to the Tigers. Owen Patterson had 2 hits and scored 2 runs and J.W. Mikel had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Bulldogs, while Tripp Hawthorne added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Cade Jones added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Cale Sumblin collected 2 rbi's. Six Kinston pitchers combined to allow 11 earned runs on 12 hits and 14 walks.

Gamecocks caged by Wicksburg 16-3

The New Brockton Gamecocks trailed only 4-3 midway through the third inning, but couldn't keep up and suffered a 16-3 loss to the Wicksburg Panthers, Friday night in Wicksburg. Colton McClenny had 2 hits to lead the Gamecocks, while Drew Cashin added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and Peyton Green added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Three New Brockton pitchers combined to allow 13 earned runs on 12 hits and 6 walks.

New Brockton downs Early County 2-1

The New Brockton Gamecocks pushed across two runs in the second inning and held on to claim a 2-1 win over Early County. Jackson Lawson had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Gamecocks, while Kaden Cupp, Brayson Carr and Gabe Herrington all added 1 hit, and Joshua Gutierrez scored 1 run. Peyton Green and Riley Simmons combined to toss a 3-hitter with two strikeouts.

(SOFTBALL)

Brantley JV post win in tournament

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs JV hosted a tournament last weekend and bounced back from two losses to claim a big win in its final game. The Lady Bulldogs fell behind early and ever recovered in a 9-0 loss to Luverne in their tourney opener, with Hope Richardson leading the way with one hit. The Lady Bulldogs never had a chance in a lopsided 15-0 loss to Andalusia in game two action, with Tamayah Joseph drawing a walk to be the only player to reach base. The Lady Bulldogs took out their frustration in the final game against Highland Home and rallied from an early 3-0 deficit to post a big 14-5 win. Mary Driggers and Tamayah Joseph both had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Brantley, while Manning Fox added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Hope Richardson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Rylee Odom added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Kendall Nichols added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Libby Knighten added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi.

New Brockton sweeps 5A Lady Eagles

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks hosted the 5A Carroll Lady Eagles last Tuesday night and rolled to a clean sweep as the Lady Gamecocks rallied for a 9-6 win and the junior varsity rolled to a big 9-1 win. In the varsity match-up, Shelby Hobbs ripped a bases-loaded double to highlight an 8-run sixth inning that lifted the Lady Gamecocks to a wild 9-6 win. Hobbs had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Kiersten Sunday added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Kennedy Hussey and Madison Meeks both added 2 hits and scored 1 run. Mckenlie Jenkins scattered eight hits, allowed one earned run and struck out three to get the win inside the circle. In the JV contest, the Lady Gamecocks led all the way to post the 9-1 three-inning win. Katelynn Little had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Anna Blackmon added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Courtney Keith and Leilani Perdue both added 1 hit. Katie Qualls pitched a two-hitter with two strikeouts to get the win inside the circle.

Brantley JV drop two at G.W. Long

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs junior varsity traveled to Skipperville last Tuesday afternoon for a double-header against G.W. Long and suffered a pair of losses by identical 2-1 scores. In the opener, Ainsley Watts had 1 hit and 1 rbi, while Campbell Hawthorne and Hope Richardson both added 1 hit. Kaylee Navarre was the hard luck loser as she tossed a four-inning one-hitter with eight strikeouts. In the nightcap, Libby Knighten had 2 hits and scored 1 run, while Manning Fox added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Savannah Nichols added 1 hit. Hope Richardson was tagged with the loss despite allowing no earned runs and only three hits in four and two-thirds innings inside the circle.

Lady Bulldogs JV swept by Luverne

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs junior varsity tangled with Luverne Thursday afternoon in a cross-county clash and battled for all five innings in both games before falling 8-3 and 11-4. In the opener, Rylee Odom and Kendall Nichols both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Savannah Nichols added 1 hit and scored 1 run. In game two, Rylee Odom and Hope Richardson both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

Brantley blanks Andalusia 10-0

The Brantley Lady Bulldogs took charge early and coasted in with a big 10-0 season opening win over 5A Andalusia. Kayden Dunn blasted two home-runs, scored 2 runs and collected 6 rbi's to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Ainsley Watts added 3 hits, including two doubles, and scored 3 runs; Kaylee Navarre added 2 hits and scored 3 runs; Campbell Hawthorne added 2 hits and 2 rbi's; Mary Driggers added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi on a solo homer; and, Ellieigh Layton added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Lauren Hudson was the winning pitcher as she tossed a five-inning shutout with 10 strikeouts.

Kinston splits season opening contests

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs opened the season last week and posted one win and one loss as they defeated Andalusia 12-2 and lost to Slocomb 9-1. No stats were available in the win, while in the loss Kinston allowed 5 hits and 12 walks. Cadence Elmore had 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead the Lady Bulldogs, while Abigail Smith, Vada Turner, Macie Smith and Sara Beth Long all added 1 hit.



Zion Chapel Rebel Dylan Davis is relaxed at the plate as he blows a bubble while awaiting the next pitch.

(Photo by Heather Adcock)

Elba's Wilson fires 74 to claim medalist honors in prep golf action

The Elba Tigers hosted a three-team golf match Wednesday afternoon at the Elba Country Club and placed second behind the play of medalist John Martin Wilson, who fired a two-over par 74.

The Enterprise Blue won the 18-hole match with a 311, followed by Elba (324) and Enterprise White (325).

Other scores from Tiger golfers were Peyton McCart 78, Carson Wise 83 and Paxton Wise 84.



Brantley Bulldog pitcher fires one to the plate in recent action.

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SPORTS and MORE

Zion Chapel Bass Team members fish Lake Harding on East Alabama High School Trail

The Zion Chapel Bass Team finally got back on the water after a two-month hiatus.

The first tournament for the 2021 year was Saturday, Feb. 13, and it was a tough one. This was the team's second tournament on the East Alabama High School Trail and their first-time fishing Lake Harding.

Lake Harding, also known as Bartlett's Ferry Lake, is a 5,850-acre reservoir on the Chattahoochee River north of Phenix City. The lake, located in Harris County, Georgia with some portions of the lake extending into Alabama, is a deep lake with a depth of 100 feet at the dam itself.

According to Ronnie Garrison, writer for Alabama Outdoor News, the lake is lined with docks and rocky banks with a few big creeks feeding the river. He also says spotted bass have almost taken over the lake, but there are some good largemouth to be caught in the lake. However, the Zion



The Zion Chapel team of Ethan Young and Avery Padgett was the only of the ZC anglers to weigh-in for the Feb. 13th tournament at Lake Harding. They finished 21st.

Chapel anglers were not fortunate to catch many of either.

Due to severe weather conditions, the blast-off was delayed until 7 a.m., and at that hour it was 30 degrees. Even in those conditions, the ZC anglers gave their best effort.

Only two of the four ZC teams fished due to conflict in scheduling and sickness. Only one team weighed in.

The team of Young/Padgett finished 21st out of 51 boats. They weighed in 3.32 pounds.

After points were tallied following this tournament, the Zion Chapel Bass Team is in 11th place out of 59 teams. The team continued its journey at Lake Martin, Saturday, Feb. 27. This was the second tournament on the Alabama High School BASS Nation Tiger Trail.

LBWCC baseball coach reaches 1,000 wins milestone

LBW Community College last week announced the 1,000th win for Athletic Director and Head Baseball Coach, Steve Helms.

Helms set the record with a win over Andrew College on Wednesday, Feb. 24.

"I know wins mean a lot to Coach Helms, and most coaches never get to experience success to this extent," said LBW President, Dr. Brock Kelley. "I'm sure proud he's chosen LBW to devote his career to."

The 2020-2021 season marks 30 years Helms has coordinated the LBW baseball program. A former standout pitcher for



Coach Steve Helms

the Huntingdon College Hawks, Helms is one of the most respected coaches in

the country.

When interviewed for his 900th win during the 2017 season, Helms said, "At the end of the day, the wins and losses aren't really what matters. It's more about our program helping mold these kids into men that have a positive influence on those around them."

Throughout Coach Helms' tenure, the baseball program has been to two NJCAA World Series tournaments in 2004 and 2009, won the 2004 Alabama Junior College State Tournament, and won the 2009 Division II Southeast Regional Tournament. Helms was inducted into the Alabama Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in January of 2015.

"His influence reaches far beyond the diamond and his legacy is definitely not defined by 1,000 wins," Kelley added. "I look forward to continuing to watch him help young student-athletes succeed on and off the field."

Helms was five wins away from a milestone 1,000th career victory last year when the NJCAA ended all competition due to COVID-19. Assistant Baseball Coach, Brandon Ware, who played under Helms during the 2004-2005 season spoke about what an unprecedented season they've had.

"Although logistics of the game may be different this year, our staff and players have continued to work hard," said Ware. "Coach Helms has brought the best out of players for the past 30 years, and this win is a deserving achievement in his career."



ELBA PARKS AND RECREATION BOYS 10U BASKETBALL...The Elba Rec Department's Boys 10U basketball team enjoyed a fun season, which came to a close last Saturday during the District Tournament. Elba Parks and Recreation was the host of the tournament, and it was held at the Elba High School gymnasium bringing several out-of-town teams to the city for the event. Members of the Elba 10U team were: (front, l to r) Coach Andy Astemborski, Cole Astemborski, Malik White, Kaleb Magwood, and Coach Griffin Martin; (back, l to r) Coach Jason Holley, Cooper Holley, Dylan Holley, Powell Bane, Nicholas Parker, and Coach Bradley Bane.



ELBA PARKS AND RECREATION GIRLS 12U BASKETBALL...The Elba 12U girls basketball team recently completed its 2021 season. Led by head coach Brady O'Neal, the team suffered only one loss on the season. Coach O'Neal said he really enjoyed spending time with the girls this season, and for the majority of the team members, it was their first time on the court. Watching the girls learn the game of basketball and improving throughout the season was very rewarding, O'Neal added. He said the attitudes displayed made coaching the girls very easy. O'Neal also said he wanted to recognize the older girls on the team as they were very patient and played a big role in the younger girls learning the game. Those pictured above include: (front, l to r) Coach Brady O'Neal, Taylor Day, Kayden Moseley, Hillary Hudson, Mary Brooklyn O'Neal, Payton Parks, and Coach Chris Hudson; (back, l to r) Nyasia McCullough, Jadya Caldwell, Andrea Johnson, Makayla Moore, and Jamia Scott. Not pictured: Coach Lowayne Parks.



ELBA PARKS AND RECREATION BOYS 12U BASKETBALL...The Elba 12U Boys team had a great season with an overall 10-2 record! Coach Dexter Watkins said he enjoyed coaching this group of boys...a great group of kids. The team was not able to play in the district tournament held last weekend, but Watkins said it still was an overall great season for his players. The team included: (front, l to r) Jaden Baker, Javante Griggs, Easton McKelvy, Jay Wilson, and Kaleb Adkison; (back, l to r) Matthew McCart, Ledell Ousley, Cassidy Carpenter, Jaden Ousley, and Coach Dexter Watkins.

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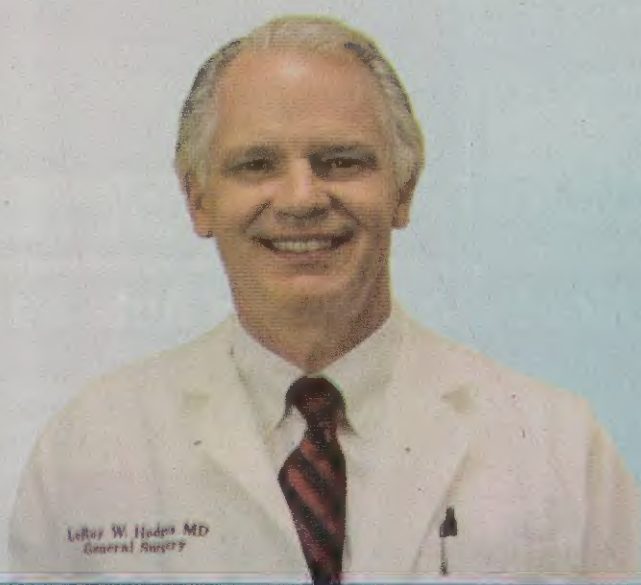
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